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The group of ten Chinese newspapermen from Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, and Tientsin left for Japan on 26 February. This report supplements a previous report on this subject, noting changes in personnel and newspapers represented.)

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1. CH'ENG Ts'ang-po (程潜波), representing the Hsin Wen Pao, and FAN Cheng-po (范争波), representing the Yi Shih Pao were supposedly "detained by personal business" and were unable to make the trip to Tokyo. Because the Hsin Wen Pao and the Shen Pao both represent business and commercial interests, it was decided that only one of them should be represented in the press party; the original list published by the Minister of Information included representatives of each of these papers. Of the two papers, the representative of the Shen Pao was chosen. SUNG Yueh-lun (宋越伦) of the Tung Nan Jih Pao, organ of the CC Clique (see para. 3), was selected to replace CH'ENG Ts'ang-po of the Hsin Wen Pao. As it was previously understood that there would be a vacancy and that the replacement should be a CC Clique representative, the last minute appointment of SUNG was quietly accomplished. FAN Cheng-po of the Shanghai Yi Shih Pao was replaced by NIU Jo-wang (牛若望) of the same paper. Both SUNG and NIU are editors of little importance in Chinese journalistic circles.
2. KUNG Te-po (龔德柏), publisher of the Chiu Kuo Jih Pao, Nanking, was not selected as one of the replacements despite his many protests. KUNG published an editorial entitled, "Questioning P'ENG Hsueh-p'ei Why We Were Rejected", which appeared over a period of several days in his Chiu Kuo Jih Pao. KUNG stated in his paper that he would continue to publish the same article until he was either approved to go to Japan or was forced to close his paper; however, he merely gained the nickname of "KUNG Ta P'ao" (Cannon KUNG). ["Ta P'ao" is a term which may be translated "braggart"]
3. The Tung Nan Jih Pao (東南日報), Southeast Daily, has a circulation of about 20,000 in Shanghai. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the paper is CH'EN Kuo-fu (陳果夫), one of the CH'EN brothers, heads of the CC Clique. The paper was formerly published in Hangchow. It has been published in Shanghai since the middle of June 1946. The publisher is HU Chien-chung (胡健中); the editor-in-chief is TU Shao-wen (杜紹文); both are CC Clique members. The paper represents the views of the extreme right wing of the Kuomintang.
4. LU Hsi-pei (陸錫北) (previously reported) is the courtesy name of LIU K'eng (陸金堅). WANG Yun-huai (王雲槐) of the Peiping Chronicle is often called "Henry WONG."

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